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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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**For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STEP-STABILIZATION OF GMR-BASED READ SENSORS**

Enclosed are also:

☒ 21 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 4 Pages of Claims (1 - 20)  
☒ 4 Sheet(s) of Formal Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and Assignment of the invention to Storage Technology Corporation

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Independent Claims	2	-3 =	X \$ 86	= \$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$290	= \$0.00
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1. Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
2. Recordation (in duplicate);
3. Assignment (1);
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney (1);
5. Patent Application (25 pgs. spec. & abstract, 4 pgs. claims 1 - 20 );
6. 4 pgs. of formal drawings; and
7. Two (2) return postcards.